INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by the Delhi State Industrial Development Corporation (DSIDC), it has a proposal to set up a high-tech Industrial Complex at Narela. The details of the scheme are being worked out.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Does not arise.

Conversion of PSUs into Private Sector Units

*327. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to convert some public sector units into private sector unit;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the names of these units; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to save the interests of employees working in these units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir. Government have only disinvested some of its equity holdings.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Utilisation of Space Technology by India and China jointly

*328. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and China have agreed to explore the possibility of using space technology jointly for developing their disaster warning system and oil field detection; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the Department of Space of India an the Ministry of Aerospace Industry of China in December 1991 on Co-operation in the peaceful application of outer space sciences nd technology. Use of satellites for disaster management and oil field detection are two areas which are being explored for possible cooperation. Working Groups of experts have been set up in both countries to examine the feasibility and scope of such a co-operation.

Repeal of Personal Laws

*329. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINSTER be pleased to state:

(a) what action Government propose o take to secure a Uniform Civil Code throughout the country; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and

(b) Introduction of a Uniform Civil Code througout the country will necessarily involve changes in the personal laws of the Minority Communities. The consistent policy of the Government has been not to interfere on its own in the personal laws of the Minority Communities unless initiative for the changes come from those communities.

Backlog of SC/ST

330. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Deptt. of Personnel have received backlog in regular vacancies upto 1988-89 from Department of Posts and Department of Telecom in connection with cadres of Central Secretariat posts and nominations to fill up the backlog vacancies has not still been sent to those departments;

(b) the total number of adhoc promotions allowed in Group A, B and C posts of Central Secretariat Department-wise and the date from which these are continuing together with the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of SC and ST in ad-hoc promotions mentioned in para (b) above;

(d) what steps have been taken to avoid ad-hoc promotions for a long period; and

(e) the umber of backlog vacancies, Department-wise in Central Secretariat posts in each cadre as on 1-11-92 and what steps have been taken to fill up these vacancies before 31-12-92 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI):

(a) Yes, Sir, Department of Personnal have received the backlog vacancies in Department of Posts and Department of Telecommunications upto 1988-89 in respect of different grades of Central Secretariat Services. Nominations to fill up these vacancies have also been made to the extent of available candidates of the respective grade/category.

(b) The number of ad-hoc promotions is indicated in the Statement. (See below). Ad hoc promotions were made mainly due to non-availability of regular candidates, vacancies being of short duration, due to stay orders of Court in seniority disputes etc.

(c) This is indicated in the Statement. (See below)

(d) Instrucitons have been issued by the Department of Personnel and Training in O.M. No. 28036|8|87-Estt. (D) dated 30.3.88 and O.M. No. 20|17|88-CS. II dated 10.5.88 to all Ministries/Departments to minimise ad hoc promotions and avoid such promotions for a long period.

(e) The number of backlog vacancies is indicated in the Statement. (See below) In respect of Central Secretariat Services backlog vacancies for direct recruitment along with the current vacancies are communicated to Staff Selection Commission|Union Public Service Commission for recommending candidates. Backlog vacancies for promotions are filled by candidates available from the same cadre or from other cadres.